

**AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend Figures 1 and 2 as set forth in the accompanying Request for Approval of Drawing Changes.



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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

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Dear Sir:

Please approve the below-noted changes in the drawings of the above-entitled  
application:

In Figures 1 and 2, add the legend "PRIOR ART" as shown in red ink on the attached prints.

The noted changes, if approved, will be incorporated in formal drawings to be filed upon the allowance of the application.

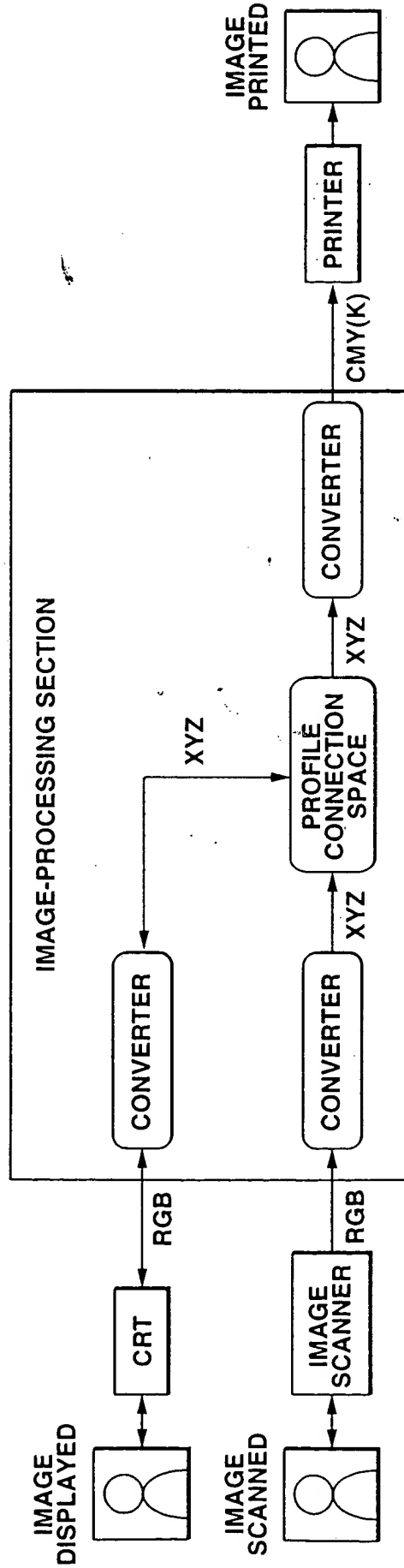
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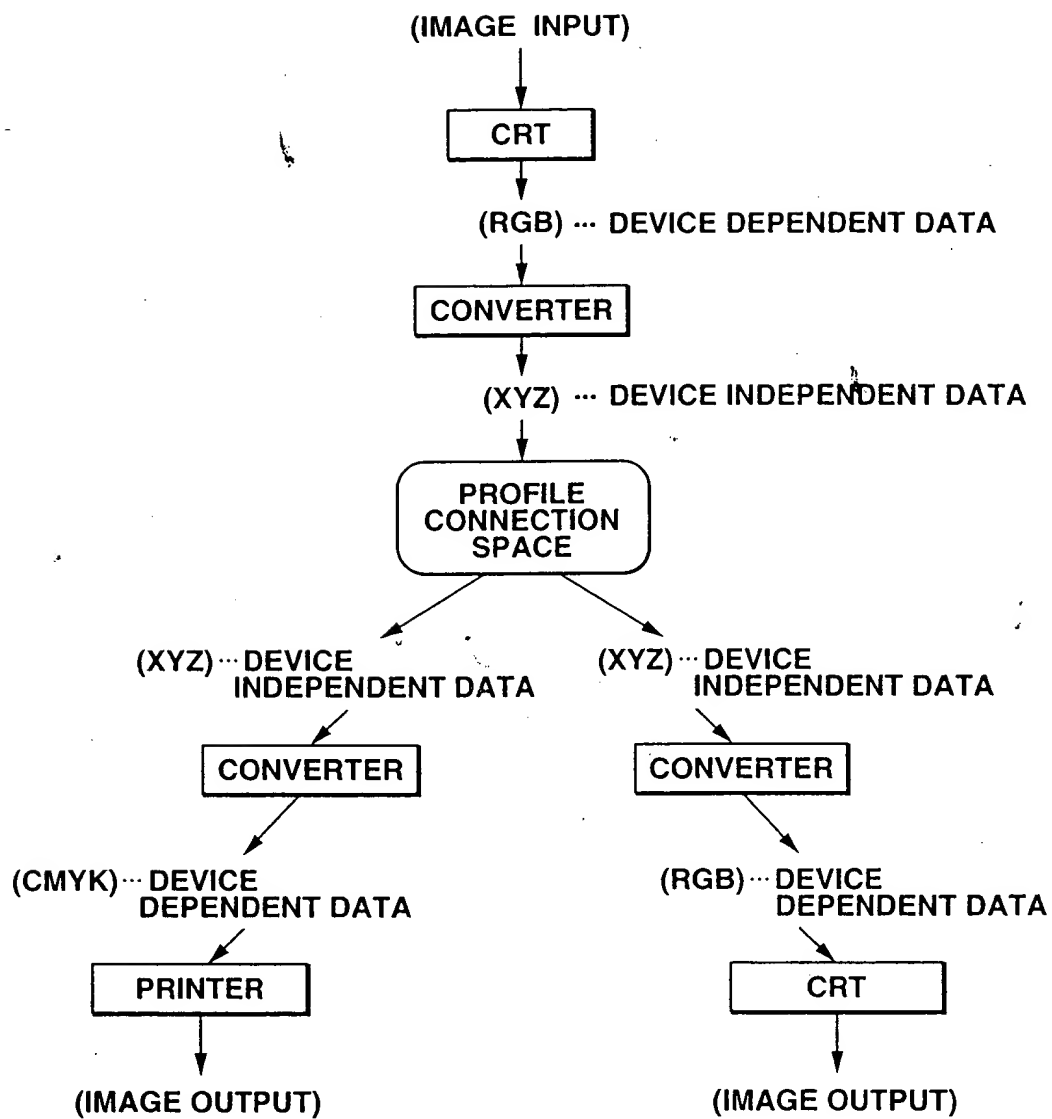
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Prior Art

FIG.1



PRIOR ART

FIG.2